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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZED RELEASE OF  
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August 10, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 10, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 10, 2004, the applicants submit the following  
amendments and remarks: